

REMARKS

The Examiner's objection to the drawings as set forth in paragraph 2 on pages 2 and 3 of the Action, has been noted.

In order to overcome this objection, Figure 3 of the drawings has been amended in order to show :

- the pump referred to in claim 1,
- the adjustable sizing outlet referred to in claim 3, and
- the hydraulic lift system referred to in claim 8.

It is believed that the amendment made to Figure 3 overcomes the Examiner's objection and should not be considered as an introduction of new matter.

With respect to the pump, the Examiner may refer to Figure 1, which illustrates the basic structure of a liquid manure spreader provided with a distributor that the present invention is intended to improve. This prior art manure spreader is illustrated with a pump, which, from a practical standpoint, is usually positioned at the front of the manure tank and cannot therefore be seen from the rear side of the spreader. It is worth noting that the outlet of the pump leads to the outlet pipe (17) already shown in Figure 3, as is disclosed on page 5, lines 24 to 26 of the original specification.

It is also believed that the amendment made to Figure 3 in order to better illustrate the way the deflector (60) may be used to adjust the size of the outlet (55) of each of the discharge pipe is quite obvious in view of what was already shown in Figure 3. To confirm that such is not an introduction of new matter, a photograph of the manure spreader according to the invention as presently manufactured and sold by the Applicant, is enclosed herewith. Such a photograph clearly shows such an outlet. The Examiner

may note that this photograph also shows that what was already shown in original Figure 3 actually corresponds to what is being claimed.

With respect to the hydraulic lift system, a proper illustration of such a system has been added to Figure 3. It is believed that the way such a lift system may be used to lift up and down the supporting frame of the distributor is quite obvious and that the addition of such a system as item 21 in Figure 3 of the drawings should not be considered as an introduction of new matter, especially in view of what is disclosed on page 7, lines 10 to 12 of the original specification.

Once again, this kind of hydraulic system referred to in the specification is clearly shown on the enclosed photograph of the manure spreader currently manufactured and sold by the Applicant.

If the Examiner believes that the proposed corrections made to Figure 3 are not acceptable, he is respectfully requested to call the undernamed patent agent at the number given below in order to further discuss this matter.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



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- Encls. -
- Copies of pages 5, 6 and 7 of the specification, including the above-mentioned amendments;
 - New drawing sheets containing the above-mentioned amendments made to Figure 3;
 - Photograph of the manure spreader;
 - A/C card.

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